

MEETING WITH FRENCH AMB. ANDREANI
Tuesday, June 28, 11:30 AM

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Background

- o The French-led operation appears to be going well. They have been dismantling militia roadblocks and have provided (widely publicized) protection to civilian enclaves, particularly a group of 8000 Tutsis near Cyangugu in the southwest corner of Rwanda.
- o The French have withdrawn their request for airlift of equipment from Bangui to Goma due to limitations on absorbing a large amount of equipment in Goma in a short time. The French desk thinks they might also have dropped the request in part because they thought the U.S. would decline it. We have not yet received any formal request for support for the Senegalese contingent.

Talking Points

- We are pleased to see that the Rwanda operation appears to be going well. Your efforts to protect civilians, and to expose the horrors of mass graves, should go a long way to convincing the RPF of your purely humanitarian motives.
- Where does deployment stand, and how do you see the operation progressing? Have you lined up other participants?
- How are logistics going? We understand you have withdrawn your request for airlift of equipment from Bangui to Goma. We remain willing to consider other requests for support.
- How has the operation been handling contacts with the interim government? To avoid any misunderstanding as to the purpose of the mission, we would hope that such contacts could be avoided, or at least minimized, to the extent possible without endangering your troops.
- We are continuing to hear reports that private Radio Mille Collines (RTLM) is still broadcasting messages inciting violence. We have looked into jamming the station, but have been told that technical and legal obstacles make this difficult. With your forces on the ground, you may be in the best position to achieve this objective.
- We are working hard to expedite deployment of expanded UNAMIR. Delivery of our 50 APC's should be completed this week, and we are working closely with the UN and the Ghanaians to get the Ghanaian battalion on the ground as quickly as possible. We appreciate your efforts in Rwanda and hope you can suggest other donors who could quickly furnish equipment and logistics for troop contributors.

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